

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 26 with the word “Briefly” and ends on page 3, line 2 with the word “photoinitiator” with the following amended paragraph:

Briefly, the present invention provides novel hydrophilic, oligomeric compositions prepared from a first component oligomer containing pendent hydrophilic poly(alkylene oxide) groups, pendent polymerizable functional groups, optionally pendent ~~photoinitiator~~ photoinitiator groups and a co-reactive second component crosslinking agent having terminal polymerizable functional groups and a hydrophilic poly(alkylene oxide) segment. In embodiments where the first component oligomer does not contain pendant photoinitiator groups, the composition may further comprise a third component photoinitiator, which may be a polymeric photoinitiator.

On page 18, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 20 with the word “The” and ends on line 26 with the number “300” with the following amended paragraph:

The oligomers have an average degree of polymerization (DP) generally less than about 300. The greater than expected viscosity (for polymers having a degree of polymerization greater than 300), is attributed to entanglements of polymer chains. It has been shown empirically that polymers or oligomers with less than 300 repeat units are not entangled. Prior to the present invention, unentangled polymers have been shown to be processible but they have low strength. Preferably, both the first and second component oligomers have a degree of polymerization less than about 300.